

WILL NOT DOUBLE

Is No Plan on Foot to Swell Ewa.

A DIRECTOR'S PLAIN TALK

Subject Has Not Yet Been Considered—“If Annexation Comes” The Stock Market.

“If the capital of Ewa Plantation company is to be doubled,” said Mr. J. B. Atherton last evening, “we of the corporation know nothing of it.” Mr. Atherton was surprised to learn that such a statement had been published. The yarn was characterized by other gentlemen interested in Ewa as the invention of speculators.

One of the heaviest holders in Ewa and a member of the directory commented as follows: “The subject has never been considered at a meeting of the representatives of the stockholders. Of course there has been talk on the outside. Nothing has been said or done by responsible men to warrant the bold announcement made in a local paper.

“In time there may possibly be a change in the organization of the company. You can say that nothing will be undertaken for several months. If annexation takes place the corporation here may be dissolved and a California charter secured. But those who desired even this might not be able to effect it. Perhaps a more satisfactory local arrangement could be effected. If the Hawaiian Government remains as it is there is little likelihood of any alteration at all in the present status of the company. There has been made on the outside the suggestion that it would be well to double up the stock. However this proposal will bear close scrutiny and there will be considerable hesitation before such a thing will be attempted. We do not care to even approach the appearance of corporation methods that have become notorious. The Ewa Plantation company has more than \$2,000,000 of property, while the capitalization is but half that sum. Still, that is no forceful reason for increasing. Ewa is all right as it is.”

Jas. F. Morgan sold Ewa stock at auction yesterday for \$310 a share, par \$100. Willard Brown took five shares at the big figure. This has been the ruling figure of private sales for some days.

Three lots of Makawell were disposed of to the highest bidder. A. J. Campbell took twelve at \$111. Dr. C. A. Peterson took ten shares at the same figure. Mr. J. B. Atherton took the remainder of the block, forty-five shares, at \$110.

Oahu assessable, \$35 paid up, sold for \$50. Mr. J. B. Atherton took ten shares. No more were offered.

Pacific Sugar Mill, which is said to have paid 50 per cent a year for twelve years, went at \$301. Geo. D. Gear, the lawyer, took the five shares sold.

Twelve shares of Inter-Island Steam Navigation company stock went at \$125 “to order.”

Mr. Morgan bid in five shares of Waimanalo at \$150 for himself.

There were no bids on Ice or Soap stock. The former is selling in the open market at \$110.

Makawell is the only stock that has gone back. Only a couple of weeks ago it was sold for \$121. No reason is offered for the marked decline. Heavy holders believe there will be dividend on the next occasion of disbursing of 20 to 30 per cent.

BESTED AT LAST.

Nest of Kauai Law Breakers Broken Up.

“BHI” Sheldon, is now deputy sheriff at Hanalei, on the island of Kauai. Wherever stationed he has proven himself an alert and active official. Mr. Sheldon won his spurs on the Honolulu Police force many years ago. Since that period he has been Sheriff at Wailua and Waianae, Oahu, and chief customs officer at Lahaina, Maui.

It was while at Waianae, on this island, that Mr. Sheldon was so prominently identified with the capture of the schooner Henrietta and her cargo of opium. Most of the men who had charge of the craft and the drug are still “on the reef” and Mr. Sheldon reaped the joys of a goodly share in the large reward. It was also during the stay at Waianae, that this officer stopped liquor dealing and manufacture and the smoking of opium, to the extent that old residents of the district thought the millennium had arrived. At Lahaina he kept track of the smugglers and their goods. It is said that a hui of very heavy dealers in the contraband at one time put a price on Sheldon's head and talked seriously of importing a highlander from San Francisco to put him out of the way.

Something has now been accomplished by Sheldon on Kauai that beats all records in the particular field. A certain che fa and opium dealing combination defied at least two of this officer's predecessors and had things entirely their own way for nearly ten years.

The house used by the Chinese was in the center of a tract of several hundred acres of rice patches. The land is quite level and the view from the headquarters was entirely clear. A policeman could be seen half a mile away. Officers disguised as women

failed on the job and on one occasion the bold gamblers beat a policeman and carried him to the edge of their compound.

Sheldon somehow managed to get two policemen secreted near the house on a dark night. One was in a small banana patch and the other in an out-building. Before they began gambling operations for the evening the Chinese sent their guards out skirmishing. Two of the sentries found the man in the banana patch, but he covered them with a pistol and marched them around to where his companion was hidden. The officers then quickly convinced the Chinese that the latter had best lead them into the house. Entrance was made quietly and a complete surprise effected. The colony was panic stricken. Twenty-five prisoners were taken by the two native policemen. Such a haul was never before made in the Islands. A considerable sum of money was found, all the gambling tools known to the Chinese and a cart-load of opium and pipes. There has been such a shaking up that it is believed the days of the notorious den are over. Sheldon, it is reported in official circles is to be promoted. One of his aides was Robert Waiialeale, who was at one time a policeman at Waianae and who afterwards qualified to practice before the lower courts. He is an exceptionally bright young native.

SHIFTING SANDS.

Deadly and Treacherous Crossing of the Waipa River.

The body of young Kakina, reported in this paper as having come into contact with a quicksand in the Waipa river not long ago, has never been recovered.

The Waipa river is a most treacherous place. Until recently there was a bridge over which people could pass from Waipa to Hanalei but that has been washed away and now travelers must wade across. The quicksands formed there shift from place to place so that there is no telling when a person crossing over may be entrapped. White men, Chinamen and natives have been lost in the same manner as Kakina.

Coffee Investigation.

A. W. Cornelius, the man who came here from Alameda, Cal., for the purpose of looking into the coffee industry both on his own account and that of his friends at home, left for San Francisco on the barkentine S. G. Wilder yesterday afternoon. In a conversation, Mr. Cornelius expressed himself as highly pleased with the prospects here but could not say whether he would return to the islands or not. His recommendation to people in the States, interested in coffee, will be a good one.

Maui's Sheriff

Sheriff Baldwin of Maui left for Molokai on the steamer Mokoli Monday evening. He went direct to Molokai to attend to business matters. From there, he will return to his home on Maui. Sheriff Baldwin was down here to be present at the damage suit, entered against Mr. King and himself by S. Ahmi. The case having gone over until the next term, Sheriff Baldwin made haste to return to his duties.

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Two Scientists.

Both Professor Koebele and Jos. Marsden are expected back here in a few weeks. They are to meet soon upon the Coast for some work for this Government. Very soon after the mainland they will depart from Honolulu for the coffee districts of Hawaii and

Maui. Professor Koebele, who has lately been in Mexico, will give some new methods on dealing with blight and some new ideas on coffee culture. Mr. Marsden will further advise the planters and will as well gather material for addition to his biennial report.

The Stone Chapel.

The beautiful and costly new stone chapel at Kamehameha is now in use. It will be formally dedicated on Founder's Day, December 19. In time there will be a pastor at the Hawaiian College. This was the plan of Mr. Chas. R. Bishop, when the provision was made for the chapel. There are several applicants for the place, but no selection will be made by the trustees for some time. The effort will be to secure a bright, cultivated and useful man without especial regard to denomination. It is mentioned that no new religious ideas will be presented to the students.



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Senor Congosto is the Spanish consul in the investigation of the death of Dr. Ruiz, an American citizen, in a Cuban jail. W. J. Calhoun is probing the matter for the United States.

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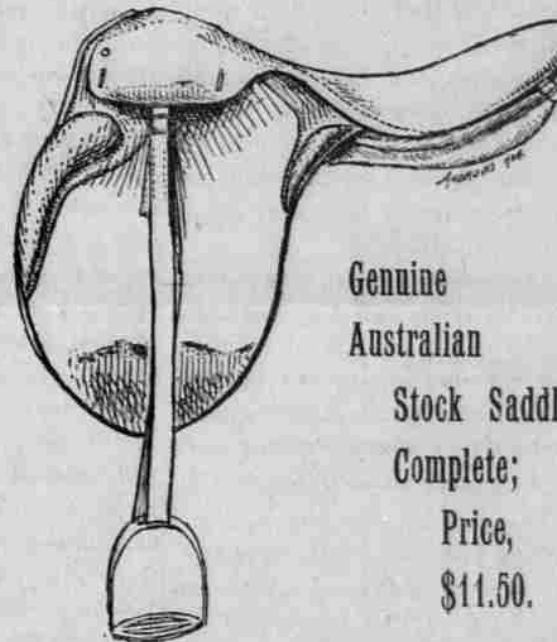
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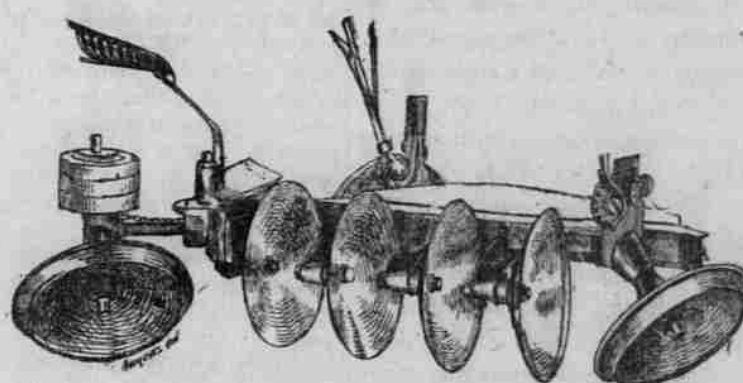
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